

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
FOR THE JUDICIARY**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Judiciary was convened Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., Conference Room 109, Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present in Conference Room 109: N/A

Board Member Present by Conference/Video Call: Kevin Kluge, Chair; Jason Hathcock; Jennifer Fish; Mark Smalley; Scott Mabery

Board Member Absent:

Also Present in Conference Room 109: Vanessa Haney, Local Board Secretary (video call); Alicia Bocardo, Recorder (video call); Joann Lowey (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Member/Local Board Representative)

Call to Order:

Approval of the Minutes:

December 1, 2020 – Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION: A motion to approve the public minutes of the December 1, 2020 meeting was made by Jennifer Fish. The motion was seconded and passed; minutes stand approved. **CORP 2021-01**

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Representative Request

The Board requested the presence of a Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Representative to discuss the following topics: new hire training, death benefit amounts different for Local Board and Public Safety, retiree calculations different for Local Board and Public Safety, and survivor death benefits for officers who have more than 20 years of service but have not retired.

The Chair noted the presence of PSPRS representative Joann Lowey via video call.

The Chair raised a discussion about new membership resources available to new tier members. Ms. Lowey explained that new membership tools are available for new members on the PSPRS website. She added that it is encouraged for members to reach out directly to PSPRS to address specific concerns.

The Chair instructed the Local Board Secretary to reach out to all the counties and ensure that the Human Resources directors/staff had adequate PSPRS information to refer new hires to the Public Safety resources.

The calculations for death benefits and retiree calculations for members was also discussed. Ms. Lowey detailed the occurrences to which amounts are miscalculated and the last pay period amounts have not caught up with the member's paperwork. It was advised for Local Board Secretary to reach out to PSPRS to rerun numbers as much as needed to avoid resending paperwork. Ms. Lowey also disclosed that PSPRS allows of some monetary fluctuations in paperwork if it is within a reasonable threshold.

Survivor death benefits for officers who have more than 20 years of service but have not retired was not discussed as it was determined to be a legislation issue versus a PSPRS issue.

The Chair instructed the Local Board Secretary to schedule a meeting with: the Chair, Legislative Officer Liana Garcia, and staff to discuss possible legislation change.

2021 CORP Election

Board member Mark Smalley's term will expire on June 30, 2021. Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-893, the Board will conduct an election to fill that position effective July 1, 2021.

Board Chair, Kevin Kluge's term will also expire on June 30, 2021. Mr. Kluge's reappointment or a new appointment for that position will be made by May 31, 2021.

The Local Board Secretary informed the Board that staff has prepared the nomination ballot for the election. Which will be mailed to members in February.

Board member Jason Hathcock inquired if an electronic option would ever take place for future elections.

The Local Board Secretary explained that electronic ballots would require updated email addresses for members but informed the Board that staff would do more research.

Approval of Normal Retirement Benefits:

There were 18 applications for Normal Retirement benefits submitted for the Board's approval pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-893 (D).

MOTION: A motion to approve the payment of Normal Retirement benefits to the following applicants in about the following amounts effective January 1, 2021 was made by Jason Hathcock. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2021-02

Debra Bedolla	\$2,969.62
Beth Beresky	\$3,516.83
Dawn Berg	\$4,206.79
Jacqueline Christenson	\$4,054.96
Arni Cook	\$3065.86
Douglas Frantz	\$5,033.71; Reverse DROP Estimate: \$314,519.27
Grace Gohel	\$2,947.61
Isaac Gonzalez	\$1,800.10
Nancy Hamana	\$3,237.11
Jose Hernandez	\$2,105.94
Jennifer Holland	\$1,406.90

Kristina McDonald	\$2,809.91
Michael Miller	\$4,231.14 Reverse DROP Estimate: \$264,369.61
Jennifer Montgomery	\$3,009.58
Kathryn O'Brien	\$4,650.80 Reverse DROP Estimate: \$55,931.62
Cynthia Ortiz	\$4,275.88
Krista Piepenburg	\$2,900.07
Anita Samuel	\$2,871.42

Acknowledgment of CORP Physical Exam Final Letter

Physical examination reports have not been received for the members listed below. Certified letters were sent to the members regarding non-receipt of the CORP physical examinations within 60 days of receipt of the membership forms.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Letter Sent</u>
Skylar Lee	September 22, 2020

A.R.S. § 38-884.B provides in part: “Any employee who fails or refuses to submit to the medical examination prescribed in this section is deemed to waive all rights to disability benefits under this article.”

The Chair noted for the record that the physical examination for Skylar Lee was not received within 60 days of receipt of their membership applications and that final letter requesting the examinations were sent via certified mail.

Approval of Membership:

The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of the following requests for membership or defer decision to a later date:

Noriega Armendariz, Grecia	Yuma	11/22/2020
Banes, Bryan	Mohave	10/4/2020
Lee, Skylar	Pima	10/11/2020
Brecht, Matthew	Maricopa	11/26/2020
Jackson, Ebony	Maricopa	12/7/2020
Lauer, Travis	Maricopa	12/7/2020
Jones, Kayla	Pima	11/29/2020
Anderson, Samantha	Maricopa	11/1/2020

MOTION: A motion to approve the 8 applicants listed on the agenda for this meeting for membership in CORP pursuant to A.R.S. §38-893.D and to note for the record that the physical examinations for Bryan Banes and Travis Lauer identified a physical or mental condition or injury that existed or occurred before their date of membership in the plan, was made by Mark Smalley. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2021-03**

Future Agenda Items:

The Local Board Secretary informed the Board that the next future agenda items will include any upcoming election items and three retirement applications.

Call to the Public:

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Transcribed January 6, 2021.

Attachment A

New CORP Members - January 6, 2021

Name	Pre-Existing	Job Title	County	Effective Plan Enrollment Date	Tier 1, 2, or 3	Previous CORP Association Dates	Benefit Selection	Percentage
Noriega Armendariz, Grecia	NPE	Juvenile Detention Officer	Yuma	11/22/2020	3		DC	-
Banes, Bryan	PE	Adult Probation Officer	Mohave	10/4/2020	3		DB	-
Lee, Skylar	80 Day	Juvenile Detention Officer	Pima	10/11/2020	3		DC	7
Brecht, Matthew	NPE	Adult Probation Officer	Maricopa	11/26/2020	3		DB	-
Jackson, Ebony	NPE	Juvenile Detention Officer	Maricopa	12/7/2020	3		DC	7
Lauer, Travis	PE	Juvenile Probation Officer	Maricopa	12/7/2020	3		DB	-
Jones, Kayla	NPE	Juvenile Detention Officer	Pima	11/29/2020	3		DC	7
Anderson, Samantha	NPE	Juvenile Detention Officer	Maricopa	11/1/2020	3		DC	7

NPE	No Pre-Existing
PE	Pre-Existing
80 Day	80 Day Letter Sent
DB	Defined Benefit
DC	Defined Contribution